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Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12-16 and 18-24 have been amended per this response to the Office Action and claims 6-8, 11 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-16 and 18-25 remain in the application and new claims 26-28 have been added.

Response to Amendment filed August 4, 2004

The Examiner stated that the reply filed August 4, 2004, was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. Particularly, in this response the amendment to the specification begins on a new sheet of paper and is separate from the remarks section, and the replacement paragraphs include the mark-up version showing the changes. Further, claims 6-8, 11 and 17 have been clearly marked with the word "canceled".

The comments concerning the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection and the allowance of claims are repeated below from the August 4, 2004, amendment.

Response to the 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Office Action mailed March 1, 2004, rejects claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As previously stated in the amendment dated August 4, 2004, claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12-16 and 18-24 were amended and claims 6-8, 11 and 17 canceled. It is now believed that antecedent basis for all claims have been corrected and by this amendment the correct markings accompany any actions taken for each claim.

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Allowance of claims

Applicant would like to gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-25 if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. It is believed that claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-16 and 18-25, along with new claims 26-28 are now allowable.

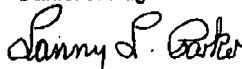
Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004, and it is submitted that claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-16 and 18-25, and new claims 26-28 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection and objection is requested. Allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #50-0221.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 715-5388 is respectfully solicited.

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